



RESOLUTION

RENAMING THE KILAUEA DISTRICT PARK GYM COMPLEX THE "TOM T.NEKOTA KILAUEA GYM COMPLEX."

WHEREAS, Section 22-9.3(a)(3)(A), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990 ("ROH"), states that in exceptional cases, a new or existing park, site or facility may be named for a deceased individual if the individual: (i) has a "significant association with the park, site, or facility"; and/or (ii) has "contributed significantly to the community or area in which the park is located"; and

WHEREAS, ROH Section 22-9.5(f) authorizes the City Council ("Council") to "designate a name for a new or existing park, site, facility, or any portion thereof, or memorial, consistent with the requirements set forth herein, by adoption of an appropriate resolution"; and

WHEREAS, former Councilmember Tom T. Nekota ("Councilmember Nekota") lived a life of dedicated public service to his community; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Nekota taught physical education at Farrington High School and coached the Farrington High School swim team for over 30 years before his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Nekota was elected to the Council in 1978 and served on the Council from 1979 until 1983; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Council, Councilmember Nekota was instrumental in securing funding for the Kilauea District Park Gym Complex; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 1981, the Council budgeted \$1.9 million for the planning, engineering, and construction of the Kilauea District Park Gym Complex; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Nekota later served under Mayor Frank Fasi as the Director of Parks and Recreation from 1985 to 1986; and

WHEREAS, during Councilmember Nekota's career, he held various leadership positions including; Chairman of the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3, President of Kaimuki Intermediate School PTA, President of the Waialae Nui Valley Community Association, Executive Board Member of the Kāfani High School PTSO and Athletic Booster Organization, and President of the Farrington High School Athletic Booster Club; and



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WHEREAS, Councilmember Nekota's commitment to public service was passed on to his daughter, Michelle Nekota, who is currently serving as the City's Director of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, Kaimuki Neighborhood Board Number 4 has adopted a resolution supporting the renaming of the Kilauea Gym Complex after Councilmember Tom T. Nekota; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that renaming the Gym Complex at Kilauea District Park after Councilmember Tom T. Nekota would recognize Mr. Nekota's long history of public service to the community of East Honolulu and the City as a whole; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Gym Complex at the Kilauea District Park be renamed the "Tom T. Nekota Kilauea Gym Complex"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests and authorizes the City Administration to erect appropriate signage, and approves the placement of the signage at the Gym Complex at Kilauea District Park, to reflect its new name; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and the family of former Councilmember Tom T. Nekota.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tony Watson

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUN 30 2020

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 06/30/20 By: TOMMY WATERS

Committee: PARKS, COMMUNITY
SERVICES AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AFFAIRS

Title: RESOLUTION RENAMING THE KILAUEA DISTRICT PARK GYM COMPLEX THE "TOM T. NEKOTA KILAUEA GYM COMPLEX."

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

07/14/20	PARKS, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS	CR-165 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION. 3 AYES: ELEFANTE, KOBAYASHI, TSUNEYOSHI. 1 EXCUSED: PINE.
08/19/20	COUNCIL	CR-165 AND RESOLUTION 20-163 WERE ADOPTED. 9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MENOR, PINE, TSUNEYOSHI, WATERS.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK


IKAIKA ANDERSON, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER